TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SECOND COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION OF 1102.

Friday, the 29th April, 1927/16th Medam, 1102.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

The Council met at eleven-thirty of the clock in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, M. E. Watts Esquire, B. A., Barrister-at-law, Dewan, presiding. All except the following members were present: Mr. N. V. Joseph; Mrs. M. Poonen Lukose; Mr. T. J. Matthew; Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai; and Mr. W. H. Pitt.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Statistics of Food supplied to Pregnant Women in the Victoria Hospital, Quilon, and in the Women and Children's Hospital, Taikad.

233. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): With reference to the answer to question No. 35 (*a*) and (*b*), given at the meeting of the Council held in Tulam 1102, will the Government be pleased to state the number of women in advanced pregnancy and awaiting confinement who have been admitted into the Victoria Hospital, Quilon, and the Women and Children's Hospital at Taikad, to whom food in the form of "quarter" and "half" diets was given in the year 1101?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No patient was given "quarter" and "half" diets alone throughout her stay in the Women and Children's Hospital. The dieting of patients depends upon the condition on admission and progress.

553 patients awaiting confinement in the Victoria Hospital, Quilon, were dieted with "half" diet in the year 1101. "Quarter" diet was not given to any patient.

Administrative Control over Girls' Schools.

234. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): With reference to the answer to question No. 40, given at the meeting of the Council held in Tulam 1102, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for removing girls' schools from the control of men Inspectors and at the same time giving grants-in-aid to men managers of girls' schools?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): An 'Inspectress of Girls' Schools was appointed because it was considered necessary that for girls' schools the chief inspecting officer should be a lady. In order that schools may earn grants, it is only necessary that the schools should be satisfactorily managed and no condition regarding the sex of the manager is considered essential.

Communications from Anchal Masters to the Anchal Superintendent.

235. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of report: and other correspondence received at the office of the Anchal Superintendent from Anchal Masters in the year 1101 ?

(2) How many of them were translated into English in his office?

(3) What is the number of additional clerks appointed in the office of the Anchal Superintendent during the last three years (1099-1101) ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) 14,661.

(2) They were not translated into English in the Anchal Superintendent's Office. Office notes in English were, however, prepared in respect of many of the reports.

(3) None.

Examination Results in Class VII in Vernacular Schools.

236. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): With reference to the answer to question No. 7 given at the meeting of the Council held in Tulam 1102, will the Government be pleased to state the percentage of success amongst the first year students in Class VII of the Vernacular schools in the year 1101 ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): 19·2 per cent.

Girls between 13 and 18 years of age attending Vernacular Schools for Boys.

237. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of girls between the ages of 13 and 18 who are undergoing instruction in the Vernacular schools for boys at present ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government do not propose to collect the information as the time and labour involved in doing so will be out of all proportion to the possible benefit that may be derived therefrom.

Acoustic Defects of the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall.

238. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to consult expert opinion as to whether the serious acoustic defects of the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Trivandrum can be remedied to any extent by installing at some height within the hall some modern instrument for the concentration, amplification and even distribution of sound or by any other means ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member's suggestion will be considered.

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